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The Postal Service is considering adding additional bypass markets from the Fairbanks acceptance point on an experimental basis. The market pairs under review are Fairbanks-Nome and Fairbanks-Kotzebue.

Cost and service considerations are the primary reasons why this addition to the bypass network is being considered. During the proposed one-year experimental period, the Postal Service will monitor the volumes being transported between the points, the mail flow consistency from both weekly and seasonal standpoints, and the effect of these new markets on Anchorage originating bypass mail. Any determination to continue this experiment after a one-year period would be contingent upon a long-term commitment on the part of the air carriers to maintain regular service and the shippers to continue a consistent shipment pattern in support of the service.

This letter is notification of our intent and to solicit comments. The Postal Service particularly welcomes comments from air carriers willing to provide the requested services and from bypass shippers likely to utilize the two new markets.

Please provide comments to Jim Nawrot at the following address:

Commercial Air Operations
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Room 7912
Washington DC 20260-7137

We will open the comment period for thirty days from the date of this letter.


John Bonafilia